

RESOLUTION NO. 5810

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, REJECTING AND CONDEMNING HATE GROUPS AND BIGOTRY OF ALL KINDS; EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO THE SO-CALLED WHITE UNITY CONFERENCE ALLEGEDLY PLANNED FOR A LOCATION IN OR NEAR THE LONGVIEW AREA; DISAPPROVING THE USE OF THE NAME "LONGVIEW, TEXAS" IN CONNECTION WITH HATE GROUPS OR EVENTS OR MATERIALS ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH GROUPS; DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED COMPLIED WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Longview (the "City") has become aware of a so-called "White Unity Conference" allegedly planned to be held on September 25, 2021, by an organization calling itself the Aryan Freedom Network; and,

WHEREAS, the exact location of said event is not clear at this time, but the online advertisement for said event and media reports about it indicate that it will be held in "Longview, Texas"; and,

WHEREAS, based on the racially charged language contained in said advertisement, in the name of the group, and in the name of the event, it appears that the group is a hate group and that the event is a white supremacist rally; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council and the citizens of Longview are proud of the diversity of this City and its residents; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council and the residents of this City have worked hard to nurture and celebrate the diversity of this community; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council and the residents of this City do not condone hate groups of any kind and reject and condemn bigotry in all its forms; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council and the residents of this City want the world to know that there is no room in the City of Longview for racism, hatred, or bigotry of any kind; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the use of the name of "Longview, Texas," in connection with hate groups or events sponsored by such groups is offensive and detrimental to the City; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS:

Section 1. That the findings set forth in the preamble to this resolution are hereby in all things approved and adopted.

Section 2. That the City of Longview does not condone hate groups and rejects and condemns bigotry of any kind.

Section 3. That the City Council disapproves of and condemns the "White Unity Conference" allegedly planned to be held on September 25, 2021, in or near the City of Longview by an organization calling itself the Aryan Freedom Network and the City Council disapproves of and condemns any other events celebrating or promoting racism, hatred, or bigotry of any kind.


Section 4. That the City of Longview disapproves of and condemns the use of the name "Longview, Texas" in connection with hate groups or in connection with events or materials associated with such groups, including without limitation in promotional materials for the event described herein.

Section 5. That the City of Longview hereby demands that the organizers of the event described herein remove all references to the City of Longview from any and all materials associated with said event or with said group.

Section 6. That the meeting at which this resolution was approved was in all things conducted in strict compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

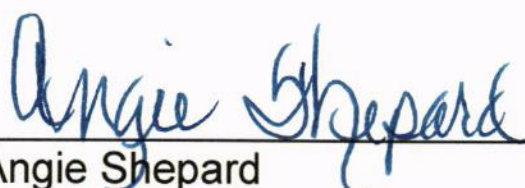
Section 7. That this resolution shall become effective immediately from and after its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 15th day of July, 2021.



Dr. Andy Mack
Mayor


ATTEST:



Angie Shepard
City Secretary



APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Jim Finley
City Attorney